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Conference For ^{"action"} ~~Execution~~

Aspirations of ~~new~~ Goto, new chairman of cooperative conference.

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Tokyo Asahi, Dec 6, 1941 — With the second annual, cooperative conference / Chuo Kyogyokai Kaigi / to build up the will of the nation only four days off, we listened to the impression of Sumio GOTO, who is to control the "iron will of 100,000,000 people" as chairman of this emergency people's conference, on his rise to the chairmanship of the Cooperative Conference for the first time. Although it was in the president's room of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association / Yokusan Kai / which had no heater and was very cold, his speech, ~~and~~ though serene, was very passionate.

"I consider the coming cooperative conference as a national family council to raise the national determination of "100,000,000 with one mind and action" at this time of ~~great~~ ^{extreme} emergency. Since this is the most important period, the spirit of the conference, too, will certainly be high and solemn. Under this war footing, not only should discussions be carried ~~on~~, but the will to put anything into practice should rise voluntarily. In other words, this conference is a conglomeration of the determination

to put anything into practice in this emergency. What should be discussed should be discussed, but I expect even a single matter to be put into practice. The time for explanation of a proposal by ~~and~~ a member will be 20 minutes, but in view of the emergency, he will have to refrain from verbosity, but give the meaning in full and expeditiously conclude his talk within the limited time to conform to the emergency. I attended the local cooperative conferences at Tokyo, Nagoya, ^{and} Gita, but the one at Gita was held in the main hall of a Buddhist temple and it was full of feeling with the members sitting on the floor and sleeping at the temple. I expect to see the close cooperation between the government officials and the civilians and the ^{feeling} atmosphere to do things voluntarily rather than ~~to do~~ / the feeling / to do a thing because we civilians are being permitted to do so raised by this conference. I intend to direct it in such a way as to make it a conference where all difficulties will be overcome and the spirit of the nation will ~~soar~~ ^{soar} to heaven.